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WORKING CONDITIONS IN ASBESTOS FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently conducted a study through National Institute of Occupational Health to assess the extent of improvement in working conditions in the asbestos factories in the country;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the funds contributed by the private sector for conducting the said study alongwith the allocation made by the government?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): A project titled: "A study of health hazards/environmental hazards resulting from theuse of chrysotile asbestos in the country" is under way with National Institute of Occupational Health, Ahmedabad.

(c): The total cost of the project is Rs. 59.66 lakhs. Out of this, Government of India (Ministryof Chemicals and Fertilizers) is contributing Rs.43.66 lakhs and the balance of Rs. 16 lakhs is contributed by the Asbestos Cement Product Manufacturer Association to ensure cooperation and involvement of the industry.